

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-16, and 18-23 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 2, 11 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim. Hence, Claims 2, 11 and 18 have been so amended and are now submitted to be in allowable condition.

The remaining claims have been amended to respectively depend from the allowed claims. They contain all of the limitations of their respective allowed claims and, consequently, are now believed to distinguish over the cited prior art and should otherwise be in allowable condition. A discussion of the differences of the claims over the prior art relied upon by the Examiner is believed to be unnecessary, since each of the dependent claims, which have been previously rejected, now depend from allowed claims. Hence, they are submitted to distinguish over the prior art.

Wherefore, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests Examiner to pass the application to issue.

In the event there are further question or objections raised, Applicant's undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner call him directly if appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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